

D.A. Grout Elementary School PTA
Minutes for General Meeting
March 17, 2011

Call to Order – President Sara Price called the meeting to order at 6:38pm.

Introductions – Attendees and officers introduced themselves and answered the question “what make you happy?” Quorum was established.

Welcome and Mission Statement – Read by Sara. *Goals for the evening:* Have Fun. Be proud for being here and showing how much you value education. Feel free to speak up. Understand children succeed when families, schools and communities work together to make a difference. *Key components of our Team:* Collaboration. Respect each other. Be Accountable. Meetings stay her. Don't assume. Focus stays on our children. Commitment. We are dedicated to promoting children's health, well being, and educational success through strong parent, family and community involvement.

Approval of Minutes – Sara presented the minutes from the general meeting held on February 17, 2011. The minutes were approved as written by the members.

Principal's Report – Susan McElroy enjoyed watching the kindergarteners search the school for the loose leprechaun who left footprints around the building.

Financial Report – Sara presented the budget. Attachment #1 in archive minutes.

Upcoming Activities – *April Run for the Arts – Will be April 5th. Volunteers will be called from the volunteer list. First through Fifth grade will run around the Cleveland track. Volunteers will hand out water and oranges. Kindergarteners will run around the school field.

*April 29th Carnival – The volunteer list is now available for sign up. Terri Burke finished the poster. Ticket pre-sale will start Thursday April 21st. Terri ordered the prizes for the games. Ticket prices have stayed the same for the past six years and Terri thought members should think about raising the prices for next year. Tickets for this year will be 12 tickets for \$5 or 50 cents a piece. 2 tickets will be needed for the cake walk and for the bouncy house. SUN School will have free activities; such as temporary tattoos, face painting and crafts. Susan will coordinate with SUN School. \$1.50 for a hot dog or pizza. There will be meal deals, also. Crock Pots are needed for keeping the food warm. The volunteer coordinator, Betsy Miller, will touch base with all the people who have signed up on the list as well as reminding people the week of the carnival. There will be different colored ribbons for the different shifts. Raffle donations are needed. A cluster of theme items in a basket. Betsy has some things for the raffle and Dana Barry will donate some of her candles for the raffle.

*Teacher Appreciation Week. May 2nd – 6th. Kids will be writing thank you notes. *Monday* – Sheila and Joe Boyce will bring in coffee and Terri Burke will bring in a cake. Joe's coffee is from a friend's farm in Guatemala. *Tuesday* – ? *Wednesday* – A massage chair will be set up

for the teacher who sign up for a time slot with Sheila and maybe one other massage therapist. Possibility of working around teaching schedule, lunch time and after school. *Thursday* – Laurie Lewis is coordinating the lunch. Sheila will bring flowers for the lunch. *Friday* – Coffee and Pastries. Betsy will bring in donuts.

*New date for May PTA General Meeting is May 12th – Voting for new Board members.

*Rummage Sale/Plant Sale/ Bake Sale is Saturday, May 14th – There is a tax-deductible donation form available for all donations. The POD is here for donations. Volunteers/ Roamers will be needed for the sale.

*Teacher Mary Benefit and Toy Trains Concert is May 19th – \$5 per plate. Barilla donated 100 pounds of pasta and some sauce. DeNicola's is going to cook the pasta and we will pay for the cook's salary. Tickets will be offered for different time slots 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00. Stacey Stahl will be working on the posters. Toy Trains will play for one hour in the gym. There is a donation from Hip Chicks for some wine to be raffled off. Joe was interested in having a silent auction. He would donate two things: 4 hours of labor and a 4 person hiking trip to Angel's Rest with a picnic (it is about 5 miles round trip). Dana thought time share condos would be a good auction item. Sally Kirk thought of possibility of tutoring time offered by teachers. Joe offered to help clean up and set up the evening.

On a side note: Thayna Baker's "Mary Walk" raised about \$1200 for Teacher Mary. She walked 65 times around the Cleveland Track in 5 hours on March 11, 2011.

Guest Speaker – Jennifer Koozer from the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Project spoke about the new project that will bring light rail to our area. Opening in 2015, the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail line will travel 7.3 miles between PSU, inner Southeast Portland, Milwaukie and Oak Grove in North Clackamas County. The project is in the design phase right now. There will be a new bridge across the Willamette river. Construction will start on July 1st. There will be a station at SE 17th and Holgate as well as a station at SE 17th and Rhine. There will be future meetings about design and information on the contractor is available. Jennifer will be Southeast Portland's contact throughout the project and construction. The handout is available online at http://trimet.org/pdfs/pm/PMLR_Fact_Sheet_Feb2011.pdf.

Announcements –

If there is something you would like to address at the next meeting, motion slips must be in by Thursday, April 14th.

PTA Meetings for the 2010-2011 school year will be in the evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm on the following dates.

Thursday, April 21, 2011

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Adjournment – at 7:25pm